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Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested in view
of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

2. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 25 wherein said one or
more intermediate layers (c) comprise one or more layers of an inert, non-alkaline
coating and one or more layers of a system of modified release.

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